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MADRID ALSO FOR AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI

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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES

REF: LISBON 3676 AND 3704 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES' BEHAVIOR PROVIDED AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT INTO JUNE 30 SIGNING OF OUR HOUSING LOAN (REFTELS).

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SIGNING CEREMONY WITH TREASURY MINISTER HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26. WE WERE THEN INFORMED THAT MELO ANTUNES WISHED TO PRESIDE AT SIGNING. NEXT, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED US TO SAY THAT MELO ANTUNES WOULD RETURN LATE ON JUNE 26 FROM MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES AND WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY FOR THE UK. COULD WE RESCHEDULE
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FOR JUNE 30 SO HE COULD BE PRESENT? WE AGREED.

3. AT CEREMONY MELO ANTUNES PLOPPED HIMSELF DOWN AT THE TABLE AND WAS STAGE CENTER FOR THE TV AND PHOTOGRAPH SESSION.

4. NO SPEECHES WERE EXCHANGED AT THE CEREMONY. AFTER SIGNING, I SAID TO MELO ANTUNES THAT THIS REPRESENTED ANOTHER STEP FORWARD. HE RESPONDED: "LET US HOPE IT IS NOT THE LAST." I SAID THAT DEPENDED ON PORTUGAL AND HE NODDED.

5. COMMENT: ONE SIGNING DOES NOT MAKE A SUMMER. BUT, FOR WHATEVER REASON, MELO ANTUNES CLEARLY WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF PERSONALLY WITH THE USG AT THIS CEREMONY.
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